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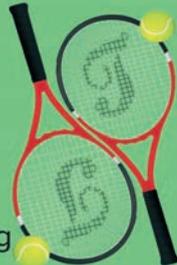
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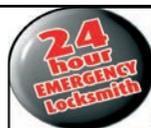
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the March edition of the St Mary's Newick's Church Parish News Community Magazine, We have made some changes to our presentation and format, we hope you enjoy them.

March always feels like a threshold month, and in 2026 that sense of standing on the edge is especially strong, hopefully standing on the edge of a change to finer weather!!

At St Mary's, Newick, we step into March during our season of Lent: a time of reflection, prayer and gentle honesty before God, even as the days lengthen, and the first signs of spring continue to appear around the village. The earth itself seems to echo the themes of Lent – quiet work beneath the surface, patient waiting and the promise of new life to come.

Lent invites us to slow down and take stock. It is not simply about giving things up, but about making space: space for God, space for one another, and space to notice what really matters.

In a world that often feels hurried and noisy, Lent offers us a different

rhythm. At St Mary's our services, prayers and daily lives during this season encourage us to walk more thoughtfully, accompanying Jesus on the road that leads through the wilderness, to a season of fruitful ministry, yet also into a time of division, betrayal, persecution and death. However, hope is not lost, and this season ultimately turns us towards the joy of Easter morning.

Midway through the month we pause for Mothering Sunday on 15 March. Traditionally a day of returning to one's "mother church," it has grown into a celebration of motherhood in all its forms. It is a day to give thanks for those who have nurtured us in faith and in life: mothers, grandmothers, stepmothers, foster parents, Godparents, carers, teachers, and friends.

It can also be a tender day, holding joy and sorrow side by side.

At St Mary's we will mark Mothering Sunday with gentleness and gratitude, recognising the complexity of people's experiences while offering God's love and blessing to all. All are of course welcome to come along to our Sunday Services where all those who have been offered a mothering role will be recognised with a plant or flowers to take away.

As the month draws on, the sense of movement increases. On Sunday 29 March the clocks go forward by one hour, gifting us lighter evenings and a subtle shift in pace. This change

always feels symbolic during Lent: more light, longer days, and the quiet reassurance that darkness does not have the final word.

That same day marks the beginning of Holy Week, which runs from 29 March through to Easter Day on 5 April.

Holy Week is the heart of our Christian year. Beginning with Palm Sunday, we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted with joy and hope. As the week unfolds, the story deepens and darkens: the Last Supper, the anguish of Gethsemane, the pain of the cross. These are not easy moments, but they are honest ones, and they speak powerfully into the realities of human life.

Holy Week invites us not to rush ahead to Easter, but to stay with the story, trusting that God is present even in suffering and uncertainty.

Join us for our reflective Services on Good Friday, our Easter Trail at St Mary's on Holy Saturday and all this leading us towards the utter joy of Easter Day on Sunday 5 April. Then we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ: light overcoming darkness during our Sunrise Service at St Mary's. Join us in the Churchyard from 05:30am and later at our 8am and 10am Communion services.

Easter is such a celebration as we see life triumphing over death, love

proving stronger than fear, "where O death is your sting".

Easter joy does not erase the challenges of the world, but it transforms how we face them. It reminds us that hope is not wishful thinking, but a living promise rooted in God's faithfulness.

As we journey through March together, you are warmly invited to be part of the life of St Mary's: to worship, to pray, to reflect, to simply come and 'Be still' and to share in moments of renewal and hope.

Please join us for our Lent Course on Monday evenings starting at 7pm for pudding and 7:30 for our discussions this year on "Let the redeemer tell their story : Psalm 107"

During this month whether you come to St Mary's every week or simply pause to read these words, know that you are held in our prayers during this holiest of seasons.

May this Lent be a time of deepening faith, gentle growth, and quiet preparation for the joy of Easter.

Have a great month, and a blessed start to Spring, be joyful, keep the faith and keep doing the little things that make a difference to those you love and those in need.

If you have an article for the magazine, please forward it to Jackie at [newickparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:newickparishnews@gmail.com) by the 7th of the month.

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St Mary's Newick Parish & Community Magazine has moved to a bi-monthly format for two editions each year: January/February and July/August. All other editions will be monthly as before.

Keep the faith and keep doing the small things that make a big difference—to those you love and to those in need.

With every blessing,

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## Register



## Funeral

30<sup>th</sup> January - Rosemary Viggor

Our speaker this month is Chris O'Donoghue, with a title of 'From Pottery to Potting Shed'.

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## Owls Club dates:

15<sup>th</sup> March

April tbc

17<sup>th</sup> May

21<sup>st</sup> June

19<sup>th</sup> July

August break



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Saturday March 7th is our **Quiz & Supper Night**, 7pm for 7.30 in the Village Hall. This will be followed by **The Spring Show** on Saturday 28th March from 2.30 pm in the Village Hall

We do hope to welcome new and existing members at these popular events and look forward to seeing everyone for these occasions.

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Founded on 1st January 1771 to provide schooling for village girls, the Foundation has grown over 250 years to support all young people in Newick with their educational needs. The Trust now offers grants to children and young people up to age 25 who live in Newick Parish for educational needs, including: school trips and youth group activities, specific projects and materials and Individual opportunities that enhance life choices

### **How to Apply**

Application forms are available from Mrs Mary Avis, Clerk to the Trust:

- **Address:** 49 Western Road, Newick, Lewes, East Sussex BN8 4NX
- **Email:** [msavis1@outlook.com](mailto:msavis1@outlook.com)
- **Deadline:** 31st March 2026
- **Next meeting:** Mid-April 2026

### **Support the Foundation**

Donations can be sent to the Clerk at the address above. You may also consider including the Foundation in your Will to benefit future generations of Newick youngsters.

Charity Number 306410

# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of Winnie The Pooh

We are excited to announce the inaugural Ashdown Forest Open Studios.

Timed to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Winnie the Pooh, we are inviting artists and makers to showcase their creations on 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026 at studios situated on Ashdown Forest and in its surrounding towns, villages and hamlets. There will also be a Gala Evening at The Forest Centre on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This event is being held in association with Crowborough Arts, The Ashdown Forest Foundation (TAFF) and the Ashdown Forest Centre.

This is a call for artists to join us in this new venture. Registration to take part opens on 2<sup>nd</sup> January and closes on 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Visit [www.ashdownforestopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.ashdownforestopenstudios.co.uk) for full details.  
For sponsorship and advertising opportunities please email [jankemsley@ashdownforestopenstudios.co.uk](mailto:jankemsley@ashdownforestopenstudios.co.uk)

## Save The Date!



The Inaugural Ashdown Forest Open Studios will run from Friday 4<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

Gala event at The Ashdown Forest Centre on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September

## Artists & Makers

If you work or live in or around the Ashdown Forest

You are invited to join us for the 1st Ashdown Forest Open Studios

For more information & to register

Visit

[www.ashdownforestopenstudios.co.uk](http://www.ashdownforestopenstudios.co.uk)





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## Uckfield Lewes and Newick Arts Society March 11<sup>th</sup> 2.30 in the Civic Hall Uckfield

Sarah Cove was originally giving her lecture on Constable but sadly is not able, for the moment, to do so. Nick Salmond has kindly stepped into the breach with a lecture entitled 'The Creation of the BBC.'

Nick has spent most of his career working for the BBC News. He has covered such events as the fall of the Berlin Wall, the death of Princess Diana, the 2004 Tsunami, the celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the wedding of Prince William.

Do you want to know why the BBC is sometimes called 'Auntie?' In the early days, under the Director General, Sir John Reith it was due to the 'we know best' approach to broadcasting. The BBC was seen as a reliable, slightly prim, middle-class figure guiding the nation. It reflected a sense of familial care, an "Auntie" who provided what people needed (education, information) rather than always what they wanted!

Another important fact which we should all be proud of is that a certain John Logie Baird developed the first working television system in Hastings, East Sussex, between 1923 and 1924, often using household items like a hatbox and darning needles! He successfully transmitted his first shadowy images from 21 Linton Crescent and later from above a shop in Queens Arcade.

We look forward to welcoming you. Guests please pay £7 on the door.

Annette Shelford  
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## Newick CE Primary – Term 3

It's been a bleak January weather-wise but things haven't stopped the fun here at Newick CE Primary School!

No matter the weather our resilient pupils (and staff and parent volunteers!) will head down to the woods and have a wonderful session, embracing the mud! As you can see from the pictures, Year 3 have been building rafts and making the most of the swollen stream as well as creating mud faces on the trees using very creative techniques.

Even our intrepid Otters, the youngest pupils in the school, get stuck in. This term they made vegetable soup over the campfire. Thank you so much to all of the additional parent volunteers who give up their time to enable us to make Forest School happen every week with safe adult ratios.

Year 1 have been on a walk around Newick village, learning about the flags, the village pump and the local landmarks. This is part of their geography topic comparing urban and rural areas. Reverend Mundy came in and told them all about St Mary's church and his special vicar's uniform, which will help them when it comes to write 'The Vicar's Collar.'

Year 2 have been very artistic learning about the land 'Down Under.' They looked at the coral reef and wrote wonderful descriptions of the creatures living there, and are now using special colour mixing skills to create plasticine moulded images of tropical fish and sea life.

Year 2 also enjoyed working alongside our Year 6's recently when they shared their published written work. The Puffins (Y2) showed the Whales (Y6) how they produced their best writing. Year 6 had just finished writing up interviews, based on their class text 'Rooftoppers' and were proud to show off their writing too.

Year 4 have been lighting up the school not only with the Science topic on electricity but with their excellent acting skills, ably assisted by Year 3 ready for their Y3 and 4 production of Snow White. Year 5 have been learning about the coast, looking at ammonites and creating their own unique patterns.

We are also so very grateful to Paddy Cumberlege for his support with our cooking curriculum. We are about to launch 'The Cumberlege Kitchen' in his honour – as you can see used frequently - this term by Year 5 who made curry for their DT project, and by Year 6, who have been baking seasonal pies. None of this, as well as the Garden Cookery with Mrs Smerdon, and the Cookery Club run by Miss Kinderman, would be possible without Paddy's support.

Here's to the Spring term, some signs of lighter days ahead and sharing our next batch of exciting updates.

Mrs Faye Lawrence  
Headteacher





## Gala Concert to celebrate the restoration of Fletching's 1880 pipe organ

To mark the complete restoration of the Forster & Andrews pipe organ in Fletching Church, there will be a celebration evening on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at which distinguished organist, Daniel Moulton, will put the instrument through its paces.

Daniel, "one of the finest organists of our time" (The Organ), is an acclaimed concert organist, film presenter and recording artist. His musicianship has been praised as "exhilarating" (Gramophone), "dazzling" (The Organ), and "formidable" (Organists' Review).

Of particular relevance to Fletching's organ, he is the presenter and performer of the massive seven-disc boxset, *The English Organ*. This history of instruments and repertoire spans 500 years and 33 locations. "Simply put, this is one of the most important organ recordings of all time" (Fanfare).

He is also in great demand as a teacher, valued for his sympathetic and enthusiastic approach: he is the Head of Organ at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, and leads masterclasses, workshops and courses around the world.

**The concert is on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Fletching Church TN22 3SR**

**Tickets are available from 15<sup>th</sup> February via the project website [www.fletchingorgan.org](http://www.fletchingorgan.org)**

**Adults £15; students £5.**

# Bevern Trust News



At The Bevern Trust, our volunteers are at the heart of everything we do - helping our residents live "more from life." From baking and gardening to reading and events, their time and enthusiasm make a real difference every day.

We have a wonderful mix of volunteers, from teenagers to retirees, including our youngest regular helper at just 15!

We're always looking for new faces to join our community. If you'd like to see the difference volunteering can make, come and visit us at Bevern View.



Evie and Millie: "We really enjoy volunteering at Bevern View, especially talking to the residents and learning their own unique responses."



Sandra: "Volunteering at Bevern View is a chance to do something really meaningful and at the same time, both fun and rewarding."



Janet: "Volunteering at Bevern View gives me the opportunity to engage with the residents as well as sharing my love of baking whilst giving me a sense of purpose and fulfilment."



Terry: "Volunteering is great for me, I enjoy interaction with the residents and the staff. Bevern View is one big family and I'm very lucky to be included. If you want satisfaction in volunteering then give Bevern View a try."

[www.beverntrust.org](http://www.beverntrust.org)

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The Bevern Trust is a disability charity based in Sussex and Bevern View is its residential home.

  
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**NEASSA**  
 Newick Emergency & Armed Services Support Association


[www.NEASSA.org](http://www.NEASSA.org)



## Newick Common in the past

Newick Common once covered 46 acres alongside Newick Hill and extending up to Western Road. It was mainly uncultivated rough ground called the Lord of the Manors 'waste'. In the 1820s almost all of it was changed into many separate fields, part of the 'enclosure' movement. About 30 years later in 1850 a former resident of Newick paid a visit here and was saddened to see that the old common had been changed to individual fields. The visitor was Thomas Pentecost from Uckfield who became known as the Uckfield poet (1792-1869). This was his published poem about the common...

'Lament for the Enclosure of Newick Common'

Oh, where is now that animated scene?  
No hamlet youths here meet with bat and ball,  
To grace a silken turf – as once were seen,  
When from the booths was heard the clamorous call.  
No more the social group of maidens fair  
Here meet to promenade on carpet swards;  
To stretch the limb and drink pure air,  
No children come to sport in little herds.  
No more in bands feed here the grey goose tribe –  
How once I watched them home each fall of day,  
In single file did march, while for their guide,  
The saucy gander hissing led the way.  
Swept! all is swept! its daisy-sprinkled lawn,  
The cricket ground, the grey goose - all is gone!

The old cricket ground referred to in the poem as having ceased was later reinstated in 1895 and used for village cricket for about 50 years. The site in due course became the District Council housing estate 'Cricketfield'.



# Uckfield Art Group Summer Exhibition & Sale

## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Members from Uckfield Art Group are busy planning their next Exhibition on 30th May. Please pop the date in your diary and come and see works of art at affordable prices. There will be an amazing selection of subjects and styles created using acrylic, watercolour, pastel, oil, pen, pencil, coloured pencil and Lino and gel prints.

The Theme Section this time is all about being inspired by a famous artist and creating a picture in their style. Just think - you could save yourself thousands of pounds and purchase one of these creations and tease your friends! It will be a great opportunity to stock up on your greeting cards too so when that special occasion arises you are prepared.

There will be "Artists in Action" to chat to and delicious refreshments to enjoy. Doors open 10am - 4pm at the Luxford Centre, Library Way, Uckfield East Sussex TN22 1AR. Free entry (donations welcome) and plenty of free parking surrounding the venue.

Find Uckfield Art Group on social media. Thank you everyone who chooses to support Uckfield Art Group while playing the Wealden Community Lottery. There is a top prize of twenty five thousand pounds and many other prizes. [www.wealdencommunitylottery.co.uk](http://www.wealdencommunitylottery.co.uk) Look out for more information nearer the time.  
Fiona

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## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm in the Barn Centre Father Martin

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The talk is free, occasionally we may ask for £1 to cover the cost of hiring the room. For more information ring Paddy on 01825 722154



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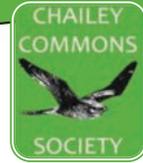


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What a wet January it was – it looks like twice as much rain fell as normal and is the wettest January locally for five years. My local recording shows 200 mm which is 7.87 ins. The commons have taken on the look of a quagmire in places and showing many really soggy clay areas so sticky for walking across.

Our winter working parties have been meeting on Red House Common. Tools and inspiration and enthusiasm are provided and the fresh air and exercise are free. It's amazing what can be achieved. We have been carrying out these Winter tasks cutting birch and scrub in areas that are tricky for bigger machinery. The series of parallel ridges crossing Red House common are now more visible. These are thought to be the continuation of braided trackways where livestock was driven across the commons but some could be cultivation ridges perhaps for heather. We are hoping for advice from archaeologist Stewart Angell who talked on Mapping Sussex through the Ages in February.

Down at Markstakes common the volunteers have been continuing the large task of clearing in the Mire area and, with the help of the Lewes DC Ranger Alex, the invading brambles have been cut back and the roots removed. Heavy work but with the help of the marvellous tools called 'Lazy Dog' and 'Tree Popper' progress is being made.

This Spring we have completed the birch cutting for besom brooms which is now bundled tightly to season ready for processing in October. We still have a few besom brooms left over from last year which will be available at the AGM.

We welcome back our lichen expert Sim Elliott to talk about lichens at our AGM on the 12th of March.

The five Exmoor ponies are doing well on Red House Common foraging on a mixed diet with gorse being particularly nutritious in the Winter months. A reminder not to feed the ponies or put any prunings out for them which can cause serious illness.

We look forward to the start of our outdoor walks on Red House Common with a Spring bird walk on the 19<sup>th</sup> April - see details below.

#### Forthcoming Events in 2026

- Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting followed by a talk by Simm Elliott – Lichens of the Heathland – Chailey Village Hall 7.30.p.m. Parking and refreshments; visitors welcome.
- Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> – Spring Bird Walk with Adrian from Red House car park 08.00 – 09.30

For further information, visit our website – [www.chaileycommons.org.uk](http://www.chaileycommons.org.uk) or our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/chaileycommons/](https://www.facebook.com/chaileycommons/) or [friendsofmarkstakescommon.weebly.com](http://friendsofmarkstakescommon.weebly.com)



## February Meeting Highlights!

Here's a quick round-up of the February Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

### Planning Updates

Councillors reviewed several planning applications, including:

- An objection to the amendment at **104 Allington Road**, where conditions remain unmet
- No comment on the proposed glasshouse at **Hurstbourne Cottage**

NPC also noted recent decisions from Lewes District Council, including approval for works in **Newick Drive** and refusal of tree works at **Newlands Park Way**

### Environmental Concerns

Councillors discussed the mobile home site on Newick Hill, raising concerns about dismantled structures and asbestos affecting nearby watercourses. The Clerk will be contacting Lewes District Council to follow this up.

### Local Plan & Community Engagement

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Local Plan drop-in event. A Parish Council response will be submitted shortly. Additional training opportunities for Councillors on advanced planning matters are also being explored.

### Sports Pavilion Progress

Work continues at the Newick Sports Pavilion, including fire assessment sign-off.

### Residents' Concerns: GP Surgery, Roads & Water

The Council will be writing to relevant agencies and our MP to push for improvements.

- Cllr. Kerr will lead on water/sewerage
  - Cllr. Hodge will lead on roads
- Residents are encouraged to join the GP Patient Participation Group to help strengthen the community voice.

### Save the Dates!

- **Annual Parish Meeting:** 16th March – including a planning update and a call for future councillors
- **Village Hall AGM:** 23rd March – new committee members welcome!
- **Newick Bonfire Celebrations:** 31st October – use of The Green approved
- **Newick Food Fair:** 28th June – The Green approved for use, with banners allowed two weeks prior



## A Community-based venture for Sunday Evenings

Can't make the cinema?

Our next show is on **15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. We hope that many of you will be able to come and enjoy "HAMNET". As always there is a licensed bar, teas, coffees, cakes and ice cream plus an interval so that there is an opportunity to meet up with friends and have an enjoyable evening out in the village. Booking in advance will secure seats in the front rows. You can also just come along at 7pm and buy a ticket on the door; the film will start at 7:30pm. **(Please note films are now being shown on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, not the 4th)**

### MARCH'S FILM

HAMNET (13)

### STARRING

**Jessie Buckley Paul Mescal**

Hamnet (a film adaptation from the book by Maggie O'Farrell) tells the fictionalized story of William Shakespeare's family, focusing on his wife, Agnes, who is a healer, and the loss of their son, Hamnet, to the plague. A powerful story of love and loss the plot follows their lives together - William's courtship, marriage, the birth of their twins Hamnet and Judith, and the tragedy of losing Hamnet at a young age. They cope with the loss in profound, differing ways, with William's sorrow becoming the inspiration for writing his famous play, Hamlet.

**15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 in Newick Village Hall, Western Road, Newick BN8 4LY**

Licensed bar and refreshments from **7.00 pm**. Film starts **7.30 pm**

**Tickets: £8.00 (cash only)** on the door, or by emailing detailed request to [newickcinema@outlook.com](mailto:newickcinema@outlook.com)

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## Way's to Pray this Lent

### Breathing

One way to pray is to relax your body and concentrate on your breathing.

Take a deep breath in and hold it for a few seconds.

Then breathe out.

As you breathe out, imagine breathing out everything that you want to let go of. Then as you breathe in, ask God to fill you with his love and presence.

Breathe in love . . . .Breathe out hate

Breathe in peace . . . .Breathe out anxiety

Breathe in gentleness . . . .Breathe out tension

Breathe in God's presence

Breathe out all that turns us away from God

### Your word is...

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path . . Psalm 119:105

The Bible is God's word...it speaks of how God has been involved with His creation from the beginning...but it also tells us how He is involved with us today...

Look at the Bible...open it...and read a few passages...

Now light a candle or look at the image...

A reminder that God's word is alight upon our path

### Sorry...

God forgives... Take a sheet of paper and write something you are sorry for...

No one else has to see this paper... Think back over the day, the week, your life...

write a word or draw a picture of what you are sorry about...

Look at the words or pictures and say 'sorry'....God forgives...

Screw the paper up and throw it in the rubbish bin...

### Give thanks...

Give thanks... Jesus came so that we might have life and live it to its fullness...

What in your life makes you shout for JOY?

Write it down or draw a picture and stick it up somewhere where you will see it...

Father giver of life...we thank you Jesus...who gave his life...we thank you Spirit of Joy...we thank you

### Love your neighbour as you love yourself . .

Look in a mirror –Who's that? ME!!

Nobody else in the whole wide world has a face exactly like mine. My eyes, my hair, my nose, my teeth, my smile.

My face is special because I'm special.

God made me just right because he loves ME . . . Just as I am!!

Thank you God, Amen.

## Services St Mary's – March 2026

<p><b>Sunday 1st March</b> Second Sunday in Lent</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion:</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language</p> <p><b>10am Worship &amp; Praise:</b> ❖ A mixed style of service, with both traditional and contemporary elements.</p> <p><b>5pm Evensong:</b> ❖ A Book of Common Prayer sung service with choir and hymns</p>
<p><b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> Third Sunday in Lent</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion:</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion:</b> ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns</p> <p><b>6pm Worship2:</b> ❖ A reflective service with contemporary songs</p>
<p><b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b> Mothering Sunday Fourth Sunday in Lent</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion:</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language</p> <p><b>10am Family Worship &amp; Owls:</b> ❖ A service for all with songs and activities</p>
<p><b>Sunday 22nd March</b> Passiontide Fifth Sunday in Lent</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion:</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion:</b> ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns</p>
<p><b>Sunday 29th March</b> Palm Sunday &amp; start of Holy Week</p>	<p><b>8am BCP* Holy Communion:</b> ❖ A beautiful said service in Traditional Language</p> <p><b>10am Holy Communion:</b> ❖ A sung service with choir and hymns</p>

**Lent Course 7-9pm**

*Let the Redeemed tell their Story Psalm 107*  
2nd March - 9<sup>th</sup> March - 16<sup>th</sup> March - 23<sup>rd</sup> March

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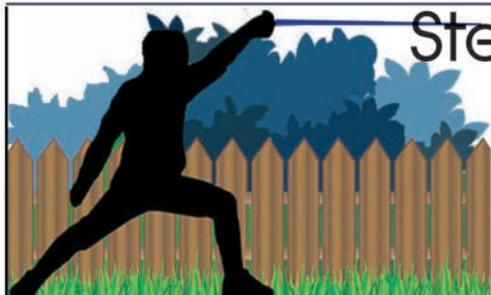
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